

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Sundar NARAYANAN, et al.

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EXAMINER: David L. Hogans

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated July 12, 2004, Applicants kindly request favorable consideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.